GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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National List of Essential Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the medicines that are under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) as on date;

(b) whether the Government has removed 100 medicines from the NLEM and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this move could increase the cost of these medicines by 10% affecting the consumers adversely and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the other corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of consumers/patients and ensure availability of essential medicines at affordable price; and

(e) whether the NPPA is planning to put some more medicines under National List of Essential Medicines and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): National List of Essential Medicine (NLEM) 2015 contains total 377 medicines. The details of 376 medicines is available at http://cdsco.nic.in/WriteReadData/NLEM-2015,%202015.pdf. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had vide their Notification No. X-11035/344/2015-DFQC dated 19th July, 2016 had included Coronary Stents in NLEM-2015.
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(b): Based on the recommendation of the Core Committee constituted to revise the National List of Essential Medicines-2011 (NLEM), 70 medicines were deleted and 106 medicines were added in the revised NLEM, 2015.
(c) & (d): As per the provision of Drug (Prices Control) Order, 2013, the price of medicines which goes out of Schedule-I are treated as non-scheduled formulations and they are not allowed to increase their prices beyond 10% per annum.
(e): No, Madam. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority does not prepare the National List of Essential Medicines.

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